

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, immediately after the title, please insert the following heading:

--Background of the Invention--.

On page 1, lines 3 to 4, please amend this paragraph as follows:

The invention relates to an armored vehicle, especially a combat vehicle, having the features from the introductory portion of claim 1 a vehicle housing disposed on a carriage, wherein the upper side of a vehicle housing has a roof plate in which is disposed an opening.

On page 1, line 21, through page 2, line 5, please amend this paragraph as follows:

It is an object of the invention to embody an armored vehicle, especially a combat vehicle pursuant to the introductory portion of claim 1, in such a way that on the one hand closely tolerated installation conditions can be ensured for the pivot bearing, and on the other hand, the frame for receiving the gun carriage can be produced very economically and without the conventional mechanical finishing of the overall vehicle.

On page 2, line 6, please insert the following heading:

--Summary of the Invention--

On page 2, lines 7 – 9, please amend this paragraph to read as follows:

The realization of this object is effected pursuant to the invention by the features of the characterizing portion of claim 1. Advantageous further developments of the invention are described in the dependent claims a frame that surrounds the opening in the roof plate and in which is to be mounted, via a pivot bearing, the gun carriage of a weapon, wherein the frame comprises two parts that are concentrically disposed within one another and are secured to one another, namely a non-mechanically finished auto part that has coarse tolerances and is welded to the vehicle housing, and a mechanically finished inner part that has close tolerances and is positively connected with the outer part, and wherein the pivot bearing for the gun carriage is disposed on the inner part.

On page 2, line 19, please insert the following heading:

--Brief Description of the Drawings--

On page 4, line 13, please insert the following heading:

--Description of Specific Embodiments--.

On page 9, after line 2, please insert the following two new paragraphs:

--The specification incorporates by reference the disclosure of German priority document 102 14 854.6 filed April 4, 2002 and PCT/DE03/01037 filed March 28, 2003.

The present invention is, of course, in no way restricted to the specific disclosure of the specification and drawings, but also encompasses any modifications within the scope of the appended claims.—

In addition, please add the following abstract to the specification:

Abstract of the Disclosure

An armored vehicle, especially a combat vehicle, having a vehicle housing disposed on a carriage is provided. A frame surrounds an opening in the roof plate of the vehicle housing. The gun carriage of a weapon is mounted in the opening via a pivot bearing. The frame comprises two parts concentrically disposed within one another and secured to one another, namely a non-mechanically finished outer part having coarse tolerances and welded to the vehicle housing, and a mechanically finished inner part having close tolerances and positively connected with the outer part. The pivot bearing for the gun carriage is disposed on the inner part.